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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004, please accept the following Amendments to the Claims, which are a corrected version of the Amendments to the Claims submitted in the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on August 16, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this document.